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# VALENTINE'S DAY -- Love It or Loathe It?



Setting aside the card-making skills that little kids gain around Valentine's Day, let's focus on adults and how they view this yearly celebration of love and all things romantic.

It seems to me that rather than being a light and breezy day of love and good wishes, for many folks, Valentine's Day is fraught with misgivings, dread, and downright resentment.

Let's take that apart.

Let's see if from this year forward we can come up with a better outlook that in the years to come will have you looking forward to it -- or if that's too ambitious, how about just not dreading it?

There are a few groups of adults to consider when Valentine's Day rolls around -- those in committed relationships, those with significant partners, those singles who couldn't care less about relationships (at least not at this particular time in their lives) and those singles who wish they had a significant other, especially on Valentine's Day.

Perhaps the most vulnerable of these demographics are the folks not currently in relationships who wish they were. Without calling in sick for the day and pulling the blankets over your head, how could you best handle this day that rolls around every year? Well, you might contact other singles you know who are also not currently in relationships and plan a night out.

If you're a really brave soul, you could plan to go out alone and dine at a bar knowing you may be surrounded by lovey-dovey couples but still enjoying a good meal. You could plan to buy yourself a really nice gift of something you have been wanting -- after all, if we don't love ourselves we won't have much to share with others. OR, you could view the day as what it is -- an arbitrary date that honors love and relationships, knowing that as long as you're alive there is hope that one day when Valentine's Day rolls around you too may be in a relationship.

Moving on to those couples who are in relationships, committed or casual, you might consider discussing the upcoming special day with your significant other to determine if they want to do something special that you both agree on. The trouble seems to arise when one or both of the people involved expects their loved one to "guess" what would be the gift that would set their hearts aflutter -- no one knows us as well as we know ourselves and expecting our loved one to intuit what it is we want is asking to be disappointed.

If the goal is to celebrate the day in the best possible way, avoiding the pitfalls of unmet expectations, a discussion beforehand and a plan is called for. This may seem to take the spontaneity and surprise out of the day. But it also results in a pleasant day that meets the needs of both people and removes the dread of

not pleasing our significant other.

What do you think? For those of you who have been in long term relationships and through the years have faced many Valentine's Days, do you have a winning formula?

We'd love to hear how you celebrate Valentine's Day and what it means to you -- even if it's just to have more information for next year. Send your comments to: [ahunter@northfortynews.com](mailto:ahunter@northfortynews.com).


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## 26,000 Acre Wind Turbine Site Proposed North of Fort Collins

STEVEN BONIFAZI | North Forty News | NorthFortyNews.com

The Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) is making headway on the Rail Tie Wind Project outside the small southern Wyoming town of Tie Siding.

The proposed project, owned by ConnectGen, a Houston-based clean energy driven company, would include up to 151 wind turbines that would generate a capacity of up to 504 megawatts. Located on an approximately 26,000-acre site, the project would be visible from highway 287.

On January 14, WAPA, a power marketing administration within the U.S. Department of Energy held two public scoping meetings in Laramie, Wyoming with about 80 people in attendance to discuss issues deemed most valuable by the public and to talk to attendees about what resources are most important to them.

"Most folks attending the public scoping meetings were concerned about the project and wanted more information," said Lisa Meiman, Public Affairs Specialist for WAPA.

A few of the top concerns among those in attendance of the meetings were visual impacts to expansive views, coupled closely with perceived negative property value impacts. Other concerns include historic sites and trails as well as impacts on game animals like birds.

These meetings were part of a public scoping period that spanned 30 days, ending January 31. Scoping consists of interested parties giving input on what should be reviewed and what is most important in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that WAPA will begin drafting soon.

Producing the EIS will take around six months. Thereafter, the public will review and comment on it

at which point WAPA will go back and review feedback from public meetings, creating a final EIS. "Once that is out, we will issue a record of decision about 90 days afterward," said Meiman. WAPA is anticipating the entire EIS process will take nearly a year.

Headquartered in Lakewood, Colorado, WAPA's involvement in the project is a transmission line. In order to put the proposed wind farm on the power grid, WAPA has to build a new transmission line that would connect to a current Craig and Ault line. On top of that, there would also be a switchyard to make sure the wind farm would be at the right voltage at all times.

Connect-Gen is held responsible for constructing the wind blade farm and although the EIS reviews both, WAPA deals with the transmission line. Nevertheless, concerned parties are focused on the wind and transmission farm in regard to what impacts will they have on that area.

"The landowners get paid by ConnectGen to put the wind farm there, but people are very concerned about the visual resources since the wind farm will be seen from Highway 287," said Meiman.

For more information on the Rail Tie Wind Project and WAPA or ConnectGen, visit their websites at <https://www.railtiwind.com> and <https://www.wapa.gov/Pages/western.aspx>

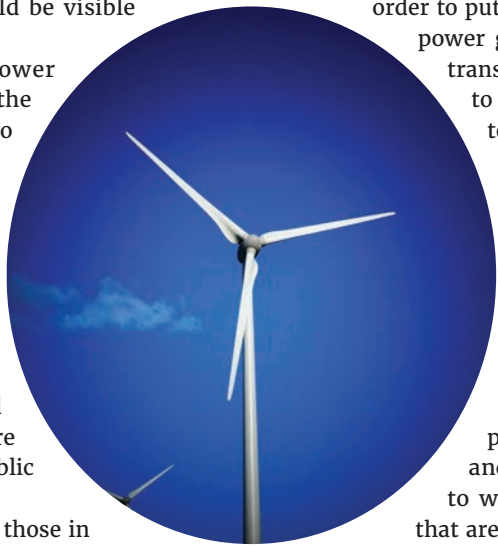


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# Youth of the Month and Youth of the Year Recognized by Boys & Girls Clubs of Larimer County

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Boys & Girls Clubs of Larimer County, based in Wellington, celebrated Youths of the Month and Youths of the Year at the Mayor's Recognition night on January 30th.

We are ecstatic about the new Club in Wellington and what it will bring to the young people of this community. More so, we are blown away by the graciousness of Sage Homes, as well as the many other supporters that made this project possible," said Kaycee

Headrick, Executive Director, Boys & Girls Clubs of Larimer County.

Daren Roberson of Sage Homes was recognized as a major sponsor of their new facility.

From the Town of Wellington's Facebook Page:

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WEBBY Dance and Tumbling class comprises of 3-5 year olds that begin to learn the basics of balancing and tumbling.



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# Run For The 22: One Woman’s Quest to Foster Awareness and Community Around Veteran Suicide

ANNIE LINDGREN | NorthFortyNews.com

February 22nd marks the third Run For The 22 event led by Kelly Altschwager, a personal trainer, nutrition & sports performance specialist in Wellington, CO.

In 2017, Kelly was nominated, via social media, to do the “22 pushups for 22 days” challenge. The number ‘22’ comes from a statistic that 22 veterans are lost to suicide a day. Kelly, being the hard core trainer and patriotic civilian that she is, agreed to do the pushups for an entire year instead. During that year of pushups, she realized the incredible need to do more than what is being done on social media. In 2018, this led Kelly to create “Run For The 22”, a one day event held on February 22nd in Wellington, in which she pledged to run 22 miles, and do 22 pushups at each mile. This same year, Kelly joined others on a 6 month, 2,690 mile ruck from Coronado Bay, CA, to Washington DC, logging 22 miles a day, and carrying 22 pounds of weight in a rucksack. She never stopped the pushup challenge.

The purpose behind Run For The 22 is to bring together the northern Colorado community in support of veterans, active duty military members, and their families, to raise awareness of the problem of veteran suicide, and raise money for a nonprofit, We Are The 22, that works to help reduce veteran suicide losses.

Kelly’s ultimate goal is not only to help reduce the number of veteran suicide losses, but also to create a community of caring and supportive individuals, and resources, that can provide support to veterans who may be struggling. There are many veterans and active duty military members residing in the Wellington community.

“While I understand there may always be a separation between civilian and military members, I do believe if we all work together with open hearts and minds, we can change the world. I may not always know the exact route I am taking to help, but I do know if I do nothing, nothing will change.” Explains Kelly Altschwager.

Kelly has much support for what she is doing for veteran suicide awareness, apparent through the pushup challenge videos she posts, where she is often joined by her sons (age 6 & 12), and her husband. This year’s Run For The 22 event will mark Kelly’s 1,000th day of doing the 22 pushups challenge. She has much support in the Wellington community as well, with many joining alongside her during Run For The 22, adding miles and pushups to the days final count, or donating to the cause. Last year’s event ended with 259 miles walked, ran,



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Kelly Altschwager is a trainer and creator of Run For The 22.

biked, or rowed, 244 sets of 22 pushups completed, and almost \$3,000 raised. Kelly’s community support reaches beyond this event, as she has, on more than one occasion, rounded up fire trucks, police cars, and community members, to properly welcome veterans in to the Wellington community.

According to the 2019 National Veteran Suicide Prevention Annual Report, the average number of veteran suicides exceeds 6,000 per year, with the suicide rate for veterans being 1.5 times the rate for non-veteran adults. A national response to this came in March of 2019, with the signing of the President’s Roadmap to Empower Veterans and End the National Tragedy of Suicide (PREVENTS). There are a variety of factors that lead to an increased risk for veterans, and efforts are being made to increase resources to address these factors, throughout the United States.

Funds raised at this event go to the We Are The 22 organization, a 501(c)(3) volunteer based organization founded in 2017, that consists of Veteran Suicide Response teams trained to help those struggling with suicidal thoughts

and actions. This organization, made up of veterans who have struggled with suicide themselves, has helped many struggling in the moment, by meeting them where they are, and then connecting them with resources that will help them keep moving forward. This organization is working hard to expand their efforts, nationwide, including adding a chapter in Northern Colorado. Check out [wearthe22.com](http://wearthe22.com) for more information about this organization.

Locally, efforts being made to build community and awareness around this topic, can create support and light, for an individual struggling in the isolation and darkness of depression and suicide.



This Wellington event, held on February 22nd, starts at 8:00am at Fitness 1, as Kelly runs 22 miles on a treadmill, stopping between each mile to do 22 push-ups. Anyone is welcome to join the challenge, for however long, and at whatever pace or mode, able. At 3:30pm, the event will move to Soul Squared Brewing Co. in downtown Wellington, where at 4:00pm there will be speakers talking about the movement, and the impact. Beer and the

Leave It To Cleaver food truck will help replenish those calories, as folks gather to celebrate veterans. The entire week prior to the event, Soul Squared is holding a ‘pay it forward’ promotion, and you can stop in anytime to buy a beer for a veteran. Huge thanks to sponsors Soul Squared Brewing Co., American Grains, Leave It To Cleaver, and Fitness 1, for showing their support of this event.

There are many ways you can support the Run For The 22 event. If you ask Kelly, she will tell you the the most important thing you can do for this event is to simply show up, show you care, and be a part of the day’s camaraderie. Follow the Run For The 22 event on Facebook, or reach out to Kelly at [kellyaltschwager@gmail.com](mailto:kellyaltschwager@gmail.com) for more information on how you can help.

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Roxi Kinney, a current 4th grader at Rice Elementary, looking at design concepts for the new Wellington combined middle and high school. Roxi will be an incoming 7th grader when the school opens in the Fall of 2022.

If you are dreaming of town parades and Friday night lights, the new combined middle and high school is progressing! Slated to open in the Fall of 2022, the comprehensive campus will serve the Wellington community. Students who are currently in grades 3 through 6 will populate the new school.

Wellington residents have anxiously awaited a school to call their own. The school will be located at the northwest corner of County Road 62E and County Road 9, on the West side of Wellington where you will notice that work has already begun.

Our new school will sit on a 132-acre lot that has been proposed to be subdivided into three lots for the planned combined middle and high school and then as future sites for elementary and middle schools as the town continues to grow. The new school will have a capacity of 1500 students, will be 225,000 square feet, have comprehensive facilities for sports and the arts, and will feature an open-

air courtyard, almost the size of a football field. For more information, including a visualized tour of the campus, visit the Poudre School District's website and select the 'Community' link and then '2016 Bond and Mill.'

This last week has had a milestone in the development of the new school. A recommendation for approval of the subdivision was granted by the town's Planning Commission on February 3, 2020, with commentary from Brenden Willits, PSD Planning Manager.

The final decision of the subdivision, the final town related approval for the campus, will take place at the Board of Trustees Meeting on February 25, 2020, at the Leeper Center at 6:30 PM. The Board of Trustees meeting is open to the public.

On February 4, 2020, the Wellington Chamber of Commerce hosted a Networking and Educational Breakfast with guests Matt Bryant, PSD Executive Director of Operations, Earl Smith, PSD Director of Construction,

and Carolyn Reed, PSD Board Director to discuss the progress of the school. During the session, the school district's representatives shared information on the new Wellington School, the new Prospect combined middle and high school, the new elementary school in southeast Fort Collins, and the plans for deferred maintenance, all projects within the 2016 Bond and Mill Levy funds.

During the question and answer portion of the meeting, the attendees shared concerns on road and transportation surrounding the school, specifically the interchange at County Road 9 and Colorado Highway 1. Although a PSD traffic study indicated that the current intersections surrounding the curve on Hwy 1 were sufficient for the additional expected traffic from the school, residents would disagree. Improvements and changes for this intersection are not included in the current plans.

The Town of Wellington, Colorado Department of Transportation, and developers in the area, including PSD, will need to urgently coordinate any changes to ensure the safety of our students and residents. Additional factors mentioned by residents included agriculture-related traffic and new routes for trash haulers with the planned landfill north of Wellington. Concerns for pedestrians and increased traffic through Wellington were also mentioned in the meeting.

Although there are related and valuable concerns from the residents, we remain eagerly excited in anticipation of a new school to join our wonderful and growing community.

Coordination for a town-wide meeting to discuss the progress was confirmed. Please look for an invitation as soon as the logistics are coordinated. The school will be vital for building a strong community and identity in Wellington. An outstanding piece of the final plat includes a new name for County Road 9. If you have a compelling thought about what the name should be, please send it to the town for consideration. I'm excited to cheer with you alongside our future high schoolers!

*Rebekka Kinney currently serves on the Planning Commission for the Town of Wellington and seeks a position as a member of the Board of Trustees for the town. Her campaign focuses on wellness for the Wellington community through planned and strategic growth during a time of explosive growth in Wellington. For inquiries about her campaign, please email GrowWellWellington@gmail.com.*



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# Slash Pile Burn Update

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Firefighters are continuing to make great progress on burning slash piles on the Canyon Lakes Ranger District, particularly in the Red Feather Lakes area. To date, more than 16,000 piles have been burned on the district this winter. Pile burning could occur in one or more of these locations:

- Red Feather 3 (hand piles located north/northeast of Red Feather Lakes)
- Red Feather 4 (hand piles located in the Red Feather Lakes area south and east of Molly Lake Trailhead)
- Glen Haven 1 (hand piles located north of Glen Haven near North Fork Trailhead)
- Thompson River 4 (hand piles located six miles east of Estes Park)
- Deadhorse-Pratt Creek (machine piles located north of County Road 80C on Forest Service Road 182, adjacent to Deadhorse Mountain)
- Magic Sky 2 and 3 (hand piles east of Red Feather Lakes, north of County Road 74E and near Magic Sky Ranch)

These piles are only ignited under certain conditions, including favorable smoke dispersal and adequate snow cover. The areas are monitored after burning is completed. When and where burning occurs depends on the conditions listed above.

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*For information on where pile burning is occurring on the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests, visit <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4648/>*

## Feeding Time For Horses in Livermore Snow

SCOTT BURNWORTH | Guest Columnist | NorthFortyNews.com



Photo by Scott Burnworth. Horses in Livermore get fed while the snow continues to fall.

It was obvious that it was time to throw hay as the winter storm rolled in Monday morning February 3, 2020 at a ranch outside Livermore, Colorado. The six quarter horses were quietly gathered around the feeder in their pasture signaling a profound interest in fresh hay to anyone paying attention. The forecast was for up to 10 inches of snow with high temperatures in the low teens. I load eight bales of good hay in the Kubota and drive from the barn to the pasture. The horses now greet me with lots of rearing up and excited running sprints.

The moderate snow is steadily falling in an eastern breeze. The temperature is 16 with a wind chill index of 4 and a freeze-your-behind index of minus 17.

About 2 inches are already on the ground. The orange baling twine is cut with a pocket knife and large flakes of hay are thrown into the feeders. The horses gather and begin grabbing with their mouths at the intact bales sitting in the back of the Kubota. They gradually move over to the feeders and begin eating in earnest. I have been clicking the camera on and off throughout.

With each toss of a flake, bits of hay swirl in the breeze and land in my mouth and eyes while finding secret openings in my layers of clothing and filter down to the front of my stomach where the itch factor is maximum. I could have worn sunglasses to help my eyes, but that would have interfered with using the camera. It would have also been much easier to throw this hay the prior Sunday afternoon when it was sunny and 70. But, that wouldn't have been nearly as much fun or as exciting. And this dude was hoping for photo ops in the storm! He wasn't disappointed. Many snowy horses appeared in all sorts of combinations--it's always hard to pick just one image to try and capture the experience.

Just so there is no confusion: the ample amounts of snow on the horses' backs means their coats are doing a good job of insulating them from the cold and keeping their heat in. That's why the snow builds up without melting. It's sorta like people wearing their coats in the snow.

# Poet Sparks Creativity Through Spirituality of Nature and Existence

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Sarah Waggoner - Image pulled from LinkedIn Profile.

Colorado local and mother, Sarah Waggoner, has written and published a collection of poem. The book, titled "Essence: A Poetic Odyssey of the Spirit", paints vivid images of the intensities of living, dying and bridges the gap on how the natural world and life's journey plays an important role in forming the human spirit.

Residing within the Colorado mountains, Waggoner comprehends the weight nature carries on human lives. Begging to write poetry as a young child, she draws inspiration for her poems through her experiences in life and all the hardships that have come with.

Waggoner calls to attention the fortitude she has gained through life obstacles she has faced and the beauty of mother earth, hoping to inspire readers to attain the same strength. "Everyone experiences challenges in their lives. As we face those challenges, we seek inspiration and understanding. The inspiration helps us continue to move forward, and the understanding helps ground us so that we may become stronger," Waggoner said.

*"Essence: A Poetic Odyssey of the Spirit" By Sarah Waggoner is available at Amazon and Barnes & Noble.*

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LaPorte Citizens Continue the Fight  
Against Loveland Ready-Mix Pit Proposal

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PHOTO BY LIBBY JAMES. Land use pending public notice sign at the gravel pit site in LaPorte.

Members of No LaPorte Gravel Corp. (NLG) and the citizens of LaPorte have been fighting the LaPorte pit since Loveland Ready Mix (LRM) submitted their initial sketch plan in March 2017. From the Laporte citizen’s perspective, the main concerns include environmental impacts from construction-level noise volumes on residential property, from air pollution, from disruptions to ground water flow, and from heavy truck traffic.

The LRM application included gravel mining and a concrete batch plant 1,500 feet from the center of LaPorte, concrete production 6-days a week, 256 truck trips a day, on average, onto CR-54G, and 20-foot-deep empty pits as part of the reclamation plan.

In November 2018, after a series of packed public hearings, the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) voted to approve the Use by Special Review (USR) application, with Commissioners Donnelly and Dougherty voting in favor and Commissioner Johnson voting against.

In February of 2019, NLG filed an appeal in Larimer County District Court against LRM and the County. The appeal focused on the appearance of impartiality and actual bias by Commissioner Tom Donnelly as well as complaints that the BOCC exceeded their jurisdiction or abused their discretion in granting the USR permit.

In January 2020, as part of the discovery process on Commissioner Donnelly in the ongoing appeal, LRM and Larimer County attorneys deposed the NLG plaintiffs regarding the NLG corporation and its membership. The appeal may be decided by Larimer County District Court soon.

For more information visit  
nolaportegravel.org or their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/NoLaporteGravel/

Eagle Scout Cole Yung Receives  
Service Project of the Year

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PHOTO BY BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA, LONG'S PEAK COUNCIL  
Cole Yung received the Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year.

The Glenn A. and Melinda Adams Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year is a National Eagle Scout Association Award presented to recognize the top Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year for each Boy Scout Council in America.

This year’s Eagle Scout Service project of the year award winner, Cole Yung, designed and constructed new lockers and a storage unit for Grit Athletics, a non-profit wrestling, track and field club in Northern Colorado.

In planning his Eagle Scout Service Project, Cole designed the new lockers and storage unit,

fundraised for the materials to be donated, and then supervised ten Boy Scouts and ten adults on building day to complete the construction of these much needed facilities.

Cole and his volunteer Scouts and adult leaders logged a total of 193 hours and \$1,108 total was raised in donated material and cash to complete the Eagle Scout Service Project.

Eagle Scout Cole Yung of Livermore was a member of Troop 87 chartered to the LaPorte Presbyterian Church in LaPorte, Colorado. Cole is currently a freshman at the United States

Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland.

He has been involved in Scouting since the first grade joining Tiger Cubs and attributes Scouting for his leadership abilities.

Scouting develops confidence and life skills in our youth and equips them with the tools to be successful in life. Scouting also develops servant leadership in youth and encourages one to give back to community through community service.

“Congratulations to Eagle Scout Cole Yung, we honor him with the Glenn A. and Melinda National Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award. He is the reason we serve Scouting, to develop outstanding young people who care about their community. Cole is a selfless, servant leader in our community and has a bright future ahead of him,” said John L. Coleman, Jr., Scout Executive/ CEO of Longs Peak Council, Boy Scouts of America.

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Dan Defibaugh, DEO  
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The Office of the DEO is open on the following days: Tuesdays from 6:00 - 7:30 pm and on Saturday, February 8, 2020 from 9:00-11:00 am.

If the DEO determines that a Self-Nomination and Acceptance form is not sufficient, the eligible elector who submitted the form may amend the form once, at any time, prior to 3:00 p.m. on Friday, February 28, 2020, the deadline for submission of a signed and witnessed Self-Nomination and Acceptance form.

Affidavit of Intent To Be A Write-In-Candidate forms must be submitted to the office of the designated election official by the close of business on Monday, March 2, 2020 (the sixty-fourth day before the election).

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Nonprofit Shows Interest in Hughes Stadium Property as New Wildlife Rehabilitation Center

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Hughes Stadium in 2015.

The Northern Colorado Wildlife Center has expressed interest to the Fort Collins City Council about the site of the former Hughes Stadium. They are interested in making the site home to a new wildlife rehabilitation center.

The proposed center would potentially provide rehabilitation for ill, injured, and orphaned wildlife that is native to Northern Colorado. The center would also be a vehicle for problem-solving in the community and would ultimately boost public safety, education and an overall appreciation for wildlife.

Northern Colorado Wildlife Center currently serves sick and injured wildlife from reptiles to amphibians and then releases them into the wild when they are healed. In addition to that, they also provide

the community with environmental education and humane solution advice to human-wildlife conflicts.

"Currently thousands of animals each year go without help because there is no other wildlife rehabilitation center in Northern Colorado, but we want to change that," said Tallon Nightwalker, President of Northern Colorado Wildlife Center.

For more information regarding Northern Colorado Wildlife Center, check out their website at [www.nocowildlife.org](http://www.nocowildlife.org) or watch their end of the year video at <https://youtu.be/NHGeNzEpykc>

Animal Friends Alliance Awarded \$20,000 Grant Through PetSmart Charities

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Animal Friends Alliance has received a \$20,000 grant from PetSmart Charities to help prepare more shelter pets in Northern Colorado for adoption and ensure they are ready to find loving homes. With the help of this grant, the organization will fund medical care and pre-adoption expenses for cats and dogs in its shelters to support its efforts to help homeless pets find homes.

Animal Friends Alliance, the organization arising from the recent merger of Animal House Rescue & Grooming and Fort Collins Cat Rescue & Spay/Neuter Clinic, works to prevent pet homelessness and to provide animals in the community with a second chance at life. Thanks to PetSmart Charities, Animal Friends Alliance will be able to move closer toward its vision of all companion animals experiencing a healthy home where they are wanted, cared for, and loved.

All cats and dogs that come to Animal Friends Alliance for future adoption are spayed or neutered, appropriately tested for diseases, treated for any medical conditions, dewormed, vaccinated and microchipped. These measures help to

reduce pet overpopulation, keep pets healthy, and more easily reunite lost animals with their guardians. The full cost to care for one animal from intake to adoption averages over \$500. With the generosity of PetSmart Charities' grant, the shelter will be able to provide essential care to hundreds of cats and dogs that might otherwise have missed out on their second chance.

"Every animal deserves the opportunity to find a loving home, and we are extremely grateful to PetSmart Charities for their support of our mission," said Sarah Swanty, executive director of Animal Friends Alliance. "This grant will allow us to save more lives and bring together more happy families."

"The collaborative work of Animal Friends Alliance continues to provide critical care to homeless pets and gives them the best chance at finding loving homes," said Sophie Faust, associate relationship manager at PetSmart Charities. "Through our long-standing partnership, it is our hope that this initiative shortens the shelter stay of



these pets and reduces the homeless pet population throughout Fort Collins."

Since 1994, through its partnership with nearly 4,000 humane societies, SPCAs and pet rescues across North America, PetSmart Charities has helped more than 9 million pets to find loving homes via its in-store adoption program in over 1,650 PetSmart® stores. The leading funder of animal welfare has also donated nearly \$400 million to positively impact communities, to help preserve families, to improve access to veterinary care and to connect people and pets through initiatives like this with Animal Friends Alliance.

For more information about Animal Friends Alliance or PetSmart Charities, visit [SavingAnimalsToday.org](http://SavingAnimalsToday.org) or [petsmartcharities.org](http://petsmartcharities.org)

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Bio Bites: Life at a Smaller Scale -- Bacteria & Viruses

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A biologist-artist's ruminations about our roles in a science-inspired world.

Viruses make us sick and sometimes kill us. They are unseen enemies so small they ride the vapors we respire or transfer with the touch of a finger. The SARS (Sudden Acute Respiratory Syndrome) and MERS (Middle East Respiratory Syndrome) epidemics caused by corona viruses provides a good examples. When attacked we look for a defense. Antibiotics come to mind, but antibiotics only work

against bacteria, not viruses. We tend to lump these two microscopic classes into one ball of misery, but they differ greatly—both in size and modus operandi. And sometimes—most times, actually—microbes either pay us no mind or even provide necessary services. In fact, our bodies are best described as microbe condominiums accented with a framework of human cells.



ILLUSTRATION BY R. GARY RAHAM  
Even bacteria (the large, barge-shaped forms in this picture) are plagued by viruses, like the many-legged phage viruses landing on the bacterial cell walls

Bacteria are complete, but tiny living things. They reproduce, respire, and move independently—like any respectable organism. But a bacterium could orbit a human cell the way a satellite orbits the Earth. A bacterium is a no-frills dingy of life compared to a human packed with ocean-liner-sized complex cells all working together.

Viruses are a thousand times smaller than a bacterium—and they can't reproduce without help. Viruses contain the blueprints for more viruses, but they have to commandeer the machinery of more complex cells to actually build them. Hence, doctors have to fight disease-causing bacteria and viruses differently.

Because bacteria are complete cells (though small), they contain everything they need to live independently and reproduce. Cell walls provide a barrier to the outside environment. They possess genetic code (in the form of RNA or DNA) that allows them to reproduce and manage necessary metabolic reactions. They have the tiny factories called ribosomes where necessary materials get fabricated under the direction of DNA or RNA. Antibiotics can attack them on several fronts. Penicillins, for example, attack cell wall manufacture. Other antibiotics attack bacterial cell membranes, interfere with the bacterium's ability to make RNA and

DNA, or impair protein manufacture in ribosomes.

Science knows less about how viral vaccines work. They have often found good ones by trial and error. In general, viral vaccines beef up the responses of our natural immune system defenses in various ways. We have T-cells and B-cells with the ability to recognize the protein coatings on viruses or the RNA or DNA housed within those protein shells.

If antibiotics are used too much—either because they are prescribed for viral infections, on which they have no effect, or because they are used indiscriminately to improve meat production, bacteria quickly evolve defenses. As a result, doctors loose valuable weapons against disease. But bacteria are also victims of viral attack. One ironic solution to a loss of effective antibiotics may be to find specific viruses that can be used against harmful bacteria.

In any case, modern science still has much to learn about the tiny creatures that can be either friend or foe. We have to learn to slay the enemy microbes without killing the ones that become intimate (and necessary) partners. In the meantime, do what Mom always said to do: wash your hands often, be mindful of what you touch, and cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze.

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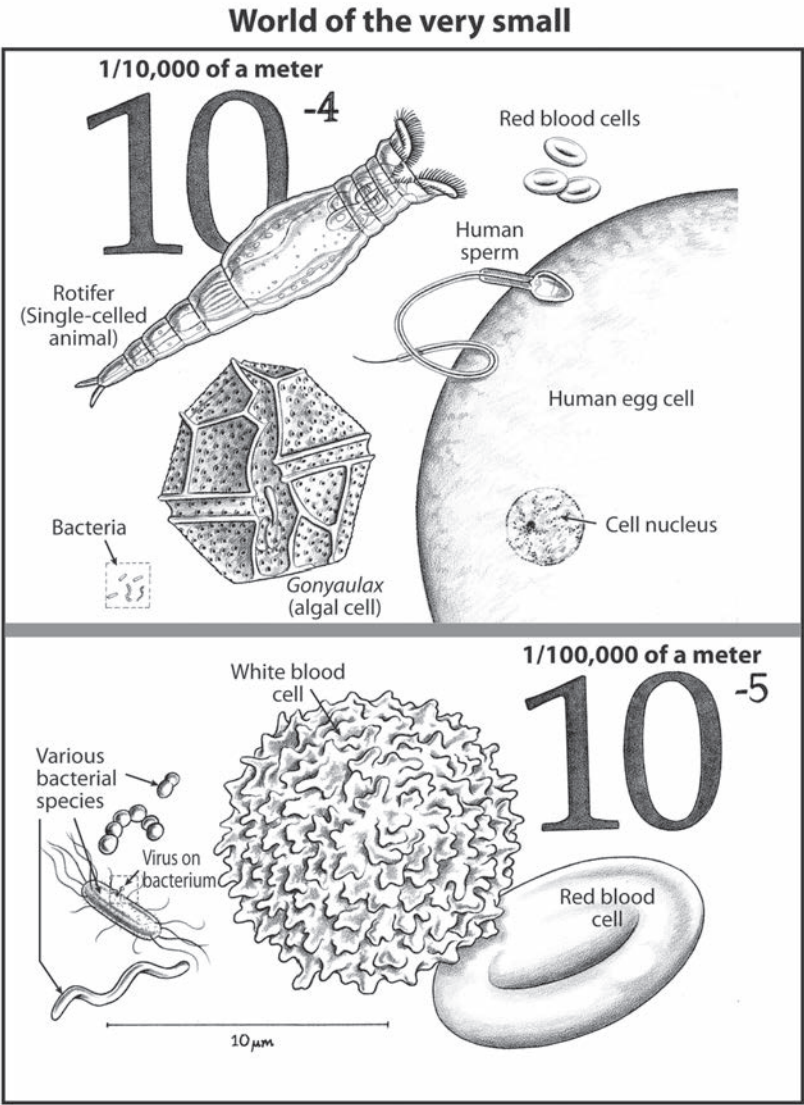


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Because bacteria and viruses are fundamentally different, doctors must use different approaches to treating bacterial and viral diseases.

Larimer County Experiences Rise of Flu Cases

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The number of hospitalized flu cases is at 73 in Larimer County thus far as of January 25.

The flu is an infectious illness that targets the respiratory system and infects the nose, throat, and lungs. Caused by the influenza viruses, flu cases are expected to increase with travel as a contributing factor.

On September 30, 2019, surveillance for the 2019-2020 flu season began. Surveillance will run through May 16, 2020. Since the beginning of this flu season, 909 hospitalizations statewide have taken place.



Ultimately, the best form of protection from the flu is the flu shot, despite the fact that those vaccinated may still obtain the flu.

"It's not too late to get your flu shot this year, but the sooner the better. It takes about two weeks for someone to be protected from the flu after their vaccination, so it's important to get it now," said Dr. Chris Nevin-Woods, Medical Director for the Larimer County Department of Health and Environment.

If you or someone you know acquires the flu, it is

advised that you stay at home in order to prevent further spread of the flu throughout the community. Long term care facilities and hospitals are places that should be avoided by those with the flu also. Other important things to remember if the flu finds you are to cover any coughs and sneezes as well as frequently washing hands.

For more information regarding the flu and vaccinations, visit [larimer.org/flu](http://larimer.org/flu)



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# Construction Begins on New Severance Community Park

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The buzz in the town of Severance is about their new Town Community Park. The 26 acre park is a \$2.5 million project on 26 acres. There will be a large sod field for town events and new parking.

ECI Site Construction Management (ECI) announced ground breaking in January.

The park will be located in the northwest corner of WCR 72 and WCR 23. It is expected to be completed the summer of 2020.

“ECI is thrilled to be part of another community park in our northern Colorado backyard,” said Ted Johnson, president of ECI. “The new Severance Community Park will provide great new amenities for Severance residents, as well as a place to gather and recreate. We look forward to incorporating local subcontractors and tradespeople during construction so they can put their footprint on a project that the community will enjoy for many years to come,” he said.

The project will also include grading and infrastructure for future baseball and softball fields, a sledding hill, and other landscape and site features.

Learn more about ECI and its construction of diverse outdoor spaces at [www.ecisite.net](http://www.ecisite.net).

*Founded in 1980, ECI Site Construction Management has become one of Colorado’s leading general contractors in the horizontal construction industry. ECI specializes in the construction of premier outdoor spaces – including parks, sporting venues, waterways, public spaces and civil projects – that foster community connection and enhance the environment. With a specific focus in CM/GC and Design-Build construction, ECI places strong emphasis on cost estimating and pre-construction services, as well cultivating strong relationships with subcontractors, clients and project teams in order to deliver the highest quality in all its endeavors. Learn more about ECI and its company values at [ecisite.net](http://ecisite.net).*



# Non-Profit Organization Seeks Volunteers for High School Exchange Students

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ASSE International, a non-profit student exchange program, is seeking volunteers to serve as Area Representatives in your local community. ASSE offers qualified students from around the world, between the age of 15 and 18, the opportunity to spend a high school year or semester in the United States with a host family. The opportunity to study abroad and live with a host family is also offered to our American high school students between 15–18 years old. ASSE’s Area Representatives are the cornerstone of the organization, making all of this possible!

Area Representatives recruit and screen potential host families, supervise the exchange students in their community, organize activities with the students throughout the year and provide support to host families, students and schools. Area representatives receive compensation covering their expenses incurred for each student placed and supervised.

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# Timnath Town Council Annexes Approximately 291 Acres for New Development

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The Timanath Town Council voted to approve a new annexation on January 14 at the Town Council Meeting.

K&M Farms was annexed totaling 291.48 acres of new developable land for the town in three town-owned parcels.

"Strategic annexations and land acquisitions allow the Town to ensure that future development aligns with community expectations and Town of Timnath standards,"

the town stated in a town communication to the public. "It supports Town efforts to address community priorities through thoughtful, long-term planning."

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# Kent, Charles and Greg Stevinson Inducted into Colorado Business Hall of Fame

Family Honored for More Than Five Decades of Contributions to Industry, Research and Recreation

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In a ceremony held on January 23rd, three Stevinson family members were inducted into the Colorado Business Hall of Fame: Kent Stevinson, along with his father Charles “Chuck” Stevinson, and brother, Greg Stevinson, were all named as laureates by the organization, which recognizes individuals, past and present, who have made legendary contributions to the state. Since 1962, the family has been actively engaged in the development of commercial, retail and automotive businesses, while devoting itself with equal fervor to the areas of medical research, recreation, and veterans’ affairs. The Stevinson name is synonymous with its beloved home city of Denver, and the State of Colorado.

The journey began with Charles Stevinson, known by his associates and friends as Chuck, who envisioned a community where one could live, work, and recreate without ever having to use a car. In the late 1960s, he began to slowly assemble land that, decades later, would become Denver West, which over nearly 50 years has

transformed into a commercial, research, automotive, retail, residential, and recreational hub. After a cancer diagnosis in the 1980s, he became instrumental in the exploration of alternative cancer and immunological treatments, co-founding several medical research organizations and one of Denver’s largest blood laboratories. At the time of Chuck’s diagnosis, his sons Greg and Kent assumed chief responsibilities for the real estate and automobile holdings, respectively.

As the president of Stevinson Automotive, Kent has led the expansion of the family’s automotive business into one of the largest in Colorado. He oversaw the acquisition of Lexus, and Stevinson became the first dealership in Colorado to offer the vehicles. Kent was the 2006 recipient of the Bill Daniels Award for ethical business and community leadership, was a founder of the Denver Active 20/30 Children’s Charities, is a trustee of the National Western Stock Show, is a member of the Business Advisory Committee for the Fourth Infantry

Division at Fort Carson, a member of the Colorado State Fair Foundation Board of Directors, and is active in the Denver Rescue Mission, the Wounded Warrior Foundation, the Colorado Westernaires, the Fort Carson Soldier for Life Transition Assistance Program, and The Action Center in Jefferson County.

Expanding on his father’s vision for a low-rise, beautifully landscaped office park, Greg has been instrumental in the creation of over five million square feet of mixed-use office space, interconnected retail districts, residential communities, and recreational areas with an emphasis on open space, trails, public art and pedestrian use. Greg has served on the Jefferson Country Open Space Advisory Committee, is the former chairman of the board of Craig Hospital, served on the board of trustees of the Midwest Research Institute, and has held numerous other community positions over the years.

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### ELECTION LEGAL NOTICE MARCH 3, 2020

**To the Electors of Larimer County:**  
Pursuant to Colorado Revised Statutes, Section 1-5-205, notice is hereby given that a Presidential Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2020, between the hours of 7 AM and 7 PM.

The election will be conducted as a mail ballot election for political parties that are participating in the Presidential Primary Election. A mail ballot, return envelope, and voting instructions will be mailed during the week of February 10, 2020 to every active unaffiliated voter and every active voter affiliated with a participating political party, in Larimer County. Eligible electors who are not affiliated with a political party may vote in the Presidential Primary Election. Voted ballots may be returned by mail with adequate postage (one first-class stamp) or may be hand delivered to a designated 24 hour ballot drop box, grocery store ballot drop-off location or a Voter Service and Polling Center.

**24 HOUR BALLOT DROP BOX LOCATIONS (open February 10 – March 3)**  
You may drop off your voted ballot 24 hours a day at the following ballot drop box locations. Ballots will be accepted in these boxes until 7 PM Election Night:

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<b>LOVELAND</b> Loveland Vehicle Licensing Office, 200 Peridot Ave	<b>WELLINGTON</b> Wellington Public Library, 3800 Wilson Ave
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	<b>BERTHOUD</b> Berthoud Community Library, 236 Welch Ave

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You may drop off your voted ballot at the following grocery store locations. Ballots will be accepted at these locations only during the times listed below:

<b>Friday</b> , February 28 (8 AM - 5 PM) <b>Saturday</b> , February 29 (9 AM - 1 PM) <b>Monday</b> , March 2 (8 AM - 5 PM) <b>Tuesday</b> , Election Day, March 3 (7 AM - 7 PM)	<b>FORT COLLINS</b> King Soopers, 2602 S Timberline Rd King Soopers, 1842 N College Ave Safeway, 2160 W Drake Rd Safeway, 1426 E Harmony Rd
	<b>LOVELAND</b> King Soopers, 1275 Eagle Dr

**VOTER SERVICE AND POLLING CENTERS**  
You may drop off your voted ballot, obtain a replacement ballot, change your address, register to vote, or vote on an ADA accessible voting machine at the following VSPCs only during the following times:

<b>Monday thru Friday</b> , February 24 – February 28 (8 AM - 5 PM) <b>Saturday</b> , February 29 (9 AM - 1 PM) <b>Monday</b> , March 2 (8 AM - 5 PM) <b>Tuesday</b> , Election Day, March 3 (7 AM - 7 PM)	<b>FORT COLLINS</b> Larimer County Courthouse, 200 W Oak St, 1st Floor CSU Durrell Center, 950 W Plum St <b>LOVELAND</b> Loveland Police & Courts Building, 810 E 10th St <b>ESTES PARK</b> Estes Valley Community Center, 660 Community Dr
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All ballots must be received by the County Clerk and Recorder by 7 PM on Election Day, Tuesday, March 3, 2020.  
Postmarks do not count as a received date.

To verify the Larimer County Elections Office received your ballot, please visit [www.vote.larimer.org](http://www.vote.larimer.org) or call (970) 498-7820.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 5<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020 A.D.

Angela Myers

Larimer County Clerk and Recorder



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### Wednesday, February 12

**After School Art Classes**, Museum of Art Fort Collins, 4 pm -5 pm  
**An Evening With Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha**, Hilton Fort Collins, 7 pm -8 pm  
**Avo's Open Bluegrass Jam**, Avogadro's Number and Avo's Bar, 7 pm  
**Brian Claxton "When I Get Home" (Album Release Concert)** at Moxi Theater, Moxi Theater, 7 pm  
**Brother Ali - Secrets & Escapes Tour w/ Mike Eagle, DJ Last Word**, Aggie Theatre, 8 pm  
**Colorado Symphony's Beethoven 2020 @ UNC**, UNC Campus Commons Performance Hall, 7:30 pm  
**Contemplative Art Classes Series**, Wolverine Farm Letterpress and Publick House, 6 pm -8 pm  
**Denver Nuggets vs. Los Angeles Lakers**, Pepsi Center, 8 pm  
**DimeStories (3 Min Story Open Mic) at The Forge, Fort Collins**, The Forge Publick House, 6:30 pm -7:30 pm  
**Galentines Day Ride**, Rally King Brewing, 5:30 pm -8 pm  
**Locally Sourced (Live!)**, KRFC 88.9FM Live at Lunch, 12 pm -1 pm  
**Music Bingo - Love and Heartbreak Edition**, Timnath Beerwerks, 6:30 pm -8 pm  
**No Man's Land - Ladies Night**, Whetstone Climbing, 6 pm -8 pm  
**Once Upon a Tune**, Magic Rat Live Music, 7 pm -9 pm



**Phyllis Walbye Film: Life Itself**, Rialto Theater, 7 pm -9 pm  
**Public Meeting for Proposed Mountain Lion Management**, Fort Collins, CO, 6 pm -7:30 pm  
**Signing Smart - Your Baby CAN Talk!!**, Full Moon Books, 10:15 am -11 am  
**Singletrack Social Ride**, 4791 W Co Rd 38 E, Fort Collins, 6 pm -8 pm  
**Tenaya Shoe Demo**, Whetstone Climbing, 5 pm -8 pm  
**The Big Lebowlski: Beer Pong and Bowling (Wednesdays)**, Chippers Lanes, 8 pm -11 pm  
**The Crooked Wheel Pop-Up Bike Shop**, Letterpress & Publick House Outside (weather permitting), 12 pm -5 pm  
**Trivia Night**, Sparge Brewing, 6:30 pm  
**Wednesday Night Worlds Summit**, CooperSmith's Pub & Brewing, 7 pm -9 pm  
**Wednesday Open Ride (WOR)**, 4616 South Shields Street, 5:30 pm -7:30 pm

### Thursday, February 13

**95.7 The Party Ski Hooky Days - \$35 Tickets!**, Loveland Ski Area, 9 am -4 pm  
**Avos Free Show- Knuckleball, Synergistic Effects, and Aloysius**, Avogadro's Number, 8 pm -11 pm  
**BandWagon Battle of the Bands @ Hodi's Half Note**, Hodi's Half Note, 7:30 pm -11:30 pm  
**Colorado Avalanche vs. Washington Capitals**, Pepsi Center, 7 pm -10 pm  
**FLAHOOLA / PINK FUZZ**, Surfside 7, 4 pm  
**Galentine's Day: Wine Country!**, Lyric Cinema Cafe (Theatre), 7 pm -9 pm  
**Galentine's Day with BlueStocking Burlesque**, New Belgium Brewing, 7 pm -9 pm  
**Gulo Gulo Poetry Open Mic**, Wolverine Farm Letterpress and Publick House, 7 pm -9 pm  
**Jammin' Feud**, Prost Brewing, 8 pm -10 pm  
**Josh Hoyer & Soul Colossal at Moxi Theater**, Moxi Theater, 8 pm  
**Live On The Lanes: Ape at Chipper's Lanes - College**, Chippers Lanes, 9 pm -11 pm  
**National Geographic Live: Capturing the Impossible**, The Lincoln Center, 7:30 pm

**Piff the Magic Dragon**, Boulder Theater, 8 pm  
**Red Rocks Local Set**, Red Rocks Amphitheater, 7 pm -11 pm  
**Stillhouse Junkies**, Magic Rat Live Music, 8 pm -10 pm  
**Ten Mile Tavern Beer Pairing Dinner**, Copper Mountain, 6 pm -8 pm  
**The Best Brothers**, Bas Bleu Theatre, 6:30 pm  
**The Lil Smokies**, Washington's, 7 pm -9:45 pm  
**TUBBY LOVE & AMBER LILY + THE REMINDERS**, The Fox Theatre, 8 pm  
**Vagabonds Live at Timnath Beerwerks**, Timnath Beerwerks, 5:30 pm -7:30 pm  
**Valentine's Beer + Donut Pairing**, Maxline Brewing, 6:30 pm -8:30 pm  
**Valentine's Weekend at the Mish**, Mishawaka Amphitheatre, 5 pm -9 pm  
**WhiteCatPink pre-Valentine's Day Party!**, Aggie Theatre, 8 pm -12 am

### Friday, February 14

**29th Annual Valentine's Day Mountaintop Matrimony**, Loveland Ski Area, 9 am -3 pm  
**Amélie On Valentine's Day!**, Lyric Cinema Cafe (Theatre), 7:30 pm -9:30 pm  
**Austin: IMT Valentine's Massage Class**, Putnam Museum, 6 pm -8 pm  
**Bar Hop Friday w/ Steamworks Brewing**, Purgatory Resort, 11 am -4 pm  
**BlueStockings at Pinball Jones Valentines Costume Ball**, Pinball Jones Campus West, 9 pm -12 am  
**College Fridays at Hesperus!**, Hesperus Ski Area, 4 pm -9 pm  
**Death Disco: Valentine's Dance for the Broken Hearted & Friends**, Surfside 7, 9:30 pm -1 am  
**Devotchka - Presented by 105.5 The Colorado Sound**, Aggie Theatre, 8 pm  
**Elder Pet Care Fundraiser on Valentine's Day**, Scruppy's, 7 pm -9 pm  
**Fall River Road at Black and Blues Music and Brews**, Black and Blues Music and Brews, 8 pm -10 pm  
**Gypsy Jazz at The Rialto - Backstage Rialto Fundraiser**, Rialto Theater, 6 pm -9:30 pm  
**LaserDome: Lady Gaga**, OtterBox Digital Dome Theater at FCMoD, 9:30 pm -10:30 pm  
**LaserDome: Pink Floyd - Dark Side of the Moon**, OtterBox Digital Dome Theater at FCMoD, 6:30 pm -7:30 pm  
**LaserDome: Queen**, OtterBox Digital Dome Theater at FCMoD, 8 pm -9 pm  
**Live eTown Radio Show Taping with The Lil Smokies & More**, eTown, 7 pm -9 pm  
**Live@Lunch with Jackson Cloud Odyssey**, KRFC 88.9FM Live at Lunch, 12 pm -1 pm  
**Live Music: David Booker**, New Belgium Brewing, 5:30 pm -7:30 pm  
**Live music with Mountain Duo**, Sparge Brewing, 6 pm -9 pm  
**Loveland Sweetheart Festival**, The Foundry Plaza, 5 pm -9 pm  
**Love, romance and relationship reading w/ Rocky Mtn Medium**, Sparge Brewing, 3 pm -9 pm  
**"Men on Boats" Presented by OpenStage Theatre**, Lincoln Center Magnolia Theatre, 7:30 pm -9:30 pm  
**Mike and The Moonpies + The Vegabonds at Moxi Theater**, Moxi Theater, 8:30 pm  
**Mindfulness through Fluid Art - Valentine's Day Workshop**, Wolverine Farm Letterpress and Publick House, 5:30 pm -7 pm  
**Open Mic Night**, Red Truck Beer Company, 8 pm -10 pm  
**Ozomatli**, Washington's, 7 pm -9:45 pm



**Patrick Dethlefs**, Magic Rat Live Music, 8 pm -10 pm  
**Rialto Presents: The Hot Club of San Francisco**, Rialto Theater, 7:30 pm -9:30 pm  
**Satellite Pilot, Album Release Party w/ The Crooked Rugs**, Pinball Jones Campus West, 9 pm -12 am  
**Steamboat Light the Night Celebration**, Ghost Ranch Steamboat, 5:30 pm -6:30 pm  
**Sugar Britches: Lonely Hearts Valentines Dance**, Prost Brewing, 8 pm -10 pm  
**The Best Brothers**, Bas Bleu Theatre, 7:30 pm  
**The Cupcake Cabaret**, Avogadro's Number, 9 pm

**Valentine's Day at Whetstone**, Whetstone Climbing, 5 pm -10 pm  
**Valentine's Day Dinner and Salsa Dancing**, Arapahoe Basin Ski Area, 7 pm -10 pm  
**Valentine's Day Group Wedding & Vow Renewal Ceremony**, The Foundry Plaza, 4 pm -6 pm  
**Valentine's Weekend at the Mish**, Mishawaka Amphitheatre, 5 pm -9 pm

### Saturday, February 15

**12th annual Waylon Jennings tribute show! Northern Colorado**, Swing Station, 10 pm -1 am  
**50th Anniversary of Billy Kidd's World Championship Win**, Ghost Ranch Steamboat, 4 pm -4:30 pm  
**97.3 Presents Martin Sexton**, Boulder Theater, 7 pm  
**Austin: Wine Tour and Tasting**, The Infinite Monkey Theorem, 5 pm -6 pm  
**Backyard Greenhouses**, Gardens on Spring Creek, 10:30 am -12:30 pm  
**Bad Movie Nite!**, Lyric Cinema Cafe (Theatre), 9:30 pm -11:30 pm  
**Bueller / HautSaus / Shirty at PBJ**, Pinball Jones Campus West, 8 pm -11:59 pm  
**Catch Me If You Can 5k/10k**, Red Truck Beer Company, 9 am -1 pm  
**Coffee with the Mayor**, Windsor Main Park, 7:30 am -9 am  
**Colorado Mammoth vs. San Diego Seals**, Pepsi Center, 7:30 pm  
**Comedy Night with Generation United**, Dratz Brewing Company, 7 pm -11 pm  
**Copper Live**, Copper Mountain, 3 pm -4:30 pm  
**Fluid Canvas Painting**, Gardens on Spring Creek, 10:30 am -12:30 pm  
**ForkSocket: Blind Date**, Wolverine Farm Letterpress and Publick House, 7 pm -9 pm  
**Joe Jencks**, Avogadro's Number and Avo's Bar, 7 pm  
**Live music with the Trujillo/Peyton Jazz Duo**, Sparge Brewing, 6 pm -9 pm  
**Loveland Love + Light Art Installation**, Loveland, Colorado, 5 pm -10 pm  
**Loveland Sweetheart Festival**, The Foundry Plaza, 2 pm -9 pm  
**MAKE WAR / KALI MASI / CAME & TOOK IT**, Surfside 7, 9 pm  
**"Men on Boats" Presented by OpenStage Theatre**, Lincoln Center Magnolia Theatre, 7:30 pm -9:30 pm  
**Piff The Magic Dragon**, The Lincoln Center, 7:30 pm  
**Post Paradise Birthday Show w/ Sarah Slaton & Friends**, Hodi's Half Note, 8 pm -11:30 pm  
**Rusty 44**, Prost Brewing, 8 pm -10 pm  
**Taarka**, Magic Rat Live Music, 8 pm -10 pm  
**The Best Brothers**, Bas Bleu Theatre, 7:30 pm  
**Trees to Replace Ash Trees**, Gardens on Spring Creek, 1:30 pm -3:30 pm  
**USASA Snowboard & Skier Halfpipe Competition**, Purgatory Resort, 8 am -2 pm  
**White Stag Comedy Showcase!**, The Whiskey, 8:30 pm -11:30 pm

### Sunday, February 16

**Alex Tocco at Black and Blues Music and Brews**, Black and Blues Music and Brews, 3 pm -5 pm  
**All Night Train & Cowboys Dead**, Avogadro's Number and Avo's Bar, 3 pm  
**BethStudio Music Students Live at Timnath Beerwerks**, Timnath Beerwerks, 4 pm -6 pm  
**Beyond Reason!**, Bas Bleu Theatre, 7:30 pm -9 pm  
**Daytona 500 Party**, Red Truck Beer Company, 11 am -4 pm  
**Discovery Lab: Sound FX- The Art of Foley**, Museum of Discovery, 11 am -12 pm  
**Discovery Lab: Sound FX- The Art of Foley**, Museum of Discovery, 1:30 pm -2:30 pm  
**From Avo's to the Fillmore and Back**, Avogadro's Number, 3 pm -7 pm  
**Sunday Funday: Karaoke at Chipper's College Lanes**, Chippers Lanes, 8 pm -11 pm  
**The Best Brothers**, Bas Bleu Theatre, 2:30 pm  
**The Celtic Connection Presents: High Kings**, Boulder Theater, 8 pm

### Monday, February 17

**Austin: No More Mundane Mondays w/ Spiritualish**, The Infinite Monkey Theorem, 5 pm -6 pm  
**Beers, Bags & Brats**, Prost Brewing, 6 pm -9 pm

**Colorado Avalanche vs. Tampa Bay Lightning**, Pepsi Center, 7 pm -10 pm  
**Cornhole League**, Prost Brewing, 7 pm -9 pm  
**DIY Letterpress Mondays**, Letterpress & Publick House, 5 pm -9 pm  
**Karl Denson's Tiny Universe Election Year - Winter Edition**, Club Red, 8 pm  
**Mug Night: Stand-Up Comedy Open Jam at 10PM**, Hodi's Half Note, 7 pm -12 am  
**Red Solo Cup Night**, Chippers Lanes, 8 pm -11:59 pm  
**Systems Boards Clinic w/ Ken Klein**, Whetstone Climbing, 5 pm -12:30 am  
**The High Kings**, Washington's, 7 pm -10 pm  
**Winter Riding Workshop**, Wolverine Farm Letterpress and Publick House, 6 pm -8 pm

### Tuesday, February 18

**Avo's Open Mic**, Avogadro's Number and Avo's Bar, 7 pm  
**Bachata After Hours at The Whisk(e)y**, The Whiskey, 10:30 pm -1 am  
**City Streets Criterium Series**, 625 9th Street, Fort Collins, 4:30 pm -8:30 pm  
**CMC Climb Nights: Whetstone Climbing**, Whetstone Climbing, 6 pm -9 pm  
**DIY and Drink (Custom Pallet Signs)**, Sparge Brewing, 6 pm  
**Face Painting on Kids Night at DC Oakes, Fort Collins!**, DC Oakes Brewhouse & Eatery, 5 pm -8 pm  
**Laramie Mountain Bike Series**, Happy Jack Trail, 82070 Laramie, Wyoming, United States, 5:50 pm -9:20 pm  
**Music in the Museum Concert Series**, Gregory Allicar Museum of Art at Colorado State University, 12 pm -7 pm  
**Open Craft**, Wolverine Farm Letterpress and Publick House, 5 pm -7 pm  
**Second City: Laughing for All The Wrong Reasons**, Boulder Theater, 8 pm  
**Winter Chili Cook Off**, Maxline Brewing, 6:30 pm -8 pm

### Wednesday, February 19

**2020 Fly Fishing Film Tour**, Boulder Theater, 6:30 pm  
**Adaptive Adventures**, Whetstone Climbing, 6 pm -8 pm  
**After School Art Classes**, Museum of Art Fort Collins, 4 pm -5 pm  
**Avo's Open Bluegrass Jam**, Avogadro's Number and Avo's Bar, 7 pm  
**Be Kind FoCo 2020 Kickoff**, Maxline Brewing, 4:30 pm -6:30 pm  
**Board Game Night at The Lyric!**, Lyric Cinema Cafe (Theatre), 5 pm -9 pm  
**Colorado Avalanche vs. New York Islanders**, Pepsi Center, 8 pm -11 pm  
**Contemplative Art Classes Series**, Wolverine Farm Letterpress and Publick House, 6 pm -8 pm  
**Donavon Frankenreiter**, The Music District, 7 pm -9:30 pm  
**Groove Theory 2020 Kick-Off**, The Music District, 5:30 pm -8 pm  
**Lift Ticket Giveaway! #PikesPeakBREWski**, Pikes Peak Brewing, 3 pm -3:30 pm  
**Molly Tuttle**, The Fox Theatre, 7:30 pm  
**Rekindle the Classics**, Wolverine Farm Letterpress and Publick House, 6:30 pm -8:30 pm  
**Signing Smart - Your Baby CAN Talk!!**, Full Moon Books, 10:15 am -11 am  
**Singletrack Social Ride**, 4791 West County Road 38 East, Fort Collins, 6 pm -8 pm  
**Small Business Before Hours - Networking Event**, Larimer SBDC, 8 am -9:30 am  
**Songwriters in the Round**, Magic Rat Live Music, 7 pm -9 pm  
**The Big Lebowlski: Beer Pong and Bowling (Wednesdays)**, Chippers Lanes, 8 pm -11 pm  
**The Crooked Wheel Pop-Up Bike Shop**, Letterpress & Publick House Outside (weather permitting), 12 pm -5 pm  
**Volunteer - Network - Do Good (closed2open)**, Fort Collins, CO, 8 am -2:30 pm

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# The Immigrant Freedom Fund

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This is the first in a series describing the mission and work of small, lesser-known non-profits in our area. We'll do our best to share the ways in which these organizations strive to make life better for people in Northern Colorado.

"Ninety-nine percent of undocumented people show up for their scheduled refugee/asylum hearings. They abide by the law and seek to live legally in the United States," says Francey Liefert, a founder of the Immigrant Freedom Fund. Despite the statistics, people detained by ICE (U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement) and who have the right to a hearing, must remain in detention until they come up with the funds needed to pay a bond allowing them to return to their families and seek legal counsel to prepare for their hearings.

Bond amounts are determined either by ICE or by a hearing judge and Liefert says it is difficult to determine just how the dollar amounts are set. The lowest allowable bond is \$1,500 and required bond payments can range all the way up to \$20,000.

Liefert has been involved with immigration issues since the time when she lived in California and worked as a teacher of the blind and visually-handicapped. When she moved to Colorado, she continued her concern with unjust

immigration practices, participating in an educational trip to the U.S. border with Mexico. "It was an intense experience," she said.

In 2017 when Liefert learned that there was no dedicated bond fund organization in Colorado, she began to gather information. In conjunction with the sanctuary program sponsored by Foothills Unitarian Church in Fort Collins, she became part of a steering committee formed to see what could be done. Spearheaded by Liefert, the Immigrant Freedom Fund was one of the organizations that came to life as a result. Today IFF is sponsored by Namaqua Unitarian Church in Loveland. The steering committee also had a role in creating ISAAC, the Interfaith Solidarity and Accompaniment Coalition that works to educate the community on immigration issues and facilitates educational trips to the border.

By April 2019, IFF had raised the funds needed to accomplish their first bonding out. Since that time, another 35 people have had their bonds paid by the fund. Once free, individuals have a much improved chance of receiving a fair hearing, outside of the detention center and represented by an immigration lawyer. Their freedom makes it possible for them to return to their families, recuperate from their ICE (Immigration and Customs) experience, seek legal counsel and thereby greatly enhance their chances for a successful outcome.

Recent changes at the Aurora Detention Center, a private, for-profit prison that detains those arrested by ICE, are making it a more difficult and frightening experience for those incarcerated there. A full-time resident doctor position has been eliminated, solitary confinement has

been reinstituted, and detainees report receiving spoiled food.

"The Immigrant Freedom Fund is only one piece of the efforts being made to support the local undocumented community," Liefert explains. IFF works closely with the Rocky Mountain Immigrant Advocacy Program, Casa de Paz, Fuerza Latina, and other groups concerned with current immigration issues.

"It's heartbreaking work," Liefert says. Yet she is pleased to have a platform such as IFF which keeps her inspired and hopeful as she observes the incredible generosity of people who have contributed everything from \$5 to \$10,000 to the fund. IFF has now raised a total of \$143,000, allowing the fund to free a total of 39 detainees. To date, one recipient has completed the legal process and a bond amount of \$1,500 has been returned to the fund. Liefert hopes that the organization will be able to raise an additional \$100,000 and then, as other immigrants complete their hearings, additional amounts will be returned to IFF and the fundraising process will become less urgent.

In her most recent update, Liefert is excited to report that the fund was able to bond out three individuals in January: among them a woman from Nicaragua in her late 30's who will join her community in the Southern US, and a transgender man from Honduras who had been treated as the wrong gender by ICE and will join his brother and hopefully his daughter on the East Coast. The most recent person to be bonded out has been living in the Rocky Mountains for five years and is relieved to be back home with his fiancé and child. The Unitarian Universalist congregation in his hometown helped to raise funds for his release. Still waiting to be bonded

out are a man from Ecuador with health problems (\$3,000 bond), a Dreamer from the Caribbean who did not have the money to renew his DACA designation, (\$5,000) and a woman with young children who fears for their welfare (\$5,000).

Liefert suggests that faith-based organization or service clubs organize fundraising events. "Money can change the lives of detainees and their families," she says.

Anyone interested in contributing time or money to these efforts can find detailed information on these and other related organizations through the Internet. Donate to IFF at [www.immigrantfreedomfund.org](http://www.immigrantfreedomfund.org) or by mail to Immigrant Freedom Fund, 745 Fifth Street, Loveland, CO 80537.

### Other non-profits include:

- Casa de Paz offers hospitality to families separated by detention and recently released individuals through visits, emotional support, shelter, meals, phone access, and transportation.
- Fuerza Latina, staffed by immigrants, offers trainings, legal clinics and free consultations regarding immigrant rights.
- Rocky Mountain Immigrant Advocacy promotes a more humane immigration system and alternatives to detention.
- Alianza Norco assists by providing low cost legal services and helping undocumented people to obtain drivers licenses.
- La Familia provides early care, education and family strengthening.
- La Cocina is a local provider of mental health services.

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56. Abracadabra, e.g.
48. Second planet from the Sun
57. \*First Lady of the US for only one month
49. "\_\_\_\_\_ me, then who?"
58. Milano moolah
50. Machinating
59. \*Where JFK's "Honey Fitz" spent time
51. Not more
60. Two of a kind, pl.
52. Green gem
61. Winglike
53. Storage cylinder
62. Ring-around-the-rosy flower
54. Face-to-face exam
63. "C' \_\_\_\_\_ la vie!"
55. Police informer
64. \*President during Mexican-American War
56. Tree juice

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